

وَلَقَدْ أَتَيْنَاكَ سَبْعًا مِّنَ الْمَثَانِي وَالْقُرْآنَ الْعَظِيمَ (سورة الحجر, آيت 87)

سَبْعٌ:

literally means seven but as we all know Arabs not only meant seven by saying سَبْعٌ (sabah) but it is also used to mean several or many .

means سَبْعُمَائَةٍ , means seventy
seven hundred

Quran says:

9:80 Even if you ask forgiveness for them seventy times إِنْ تَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ سَبْعِينَ مَرَّةً
It does not mean that if you ask for their pardon seventy times, we will not pardon them, but It means that even if you ask pardon for them several times, they cannot be pardoned.

سَبْعَ سَمَوَاتٍ : numerous heavenly bodies
المَثَانِي :

the oft-repeated, is the plural of مَثَنَى or مَثَنَة which is derived from ثَنَى i.e. he doubled it or folded it or bent it. عليه اثنين means, he praised, eulogized or spoke well of him. ثَيْنَ (thinan) means, the repetition of a thing; doing it one time after another.

It is understood that سَبْعَ المَثَانِي means the first chapter of Quran i.e Fateh because it consists of seven verses that are often repeated in Prayers, but as we discussed

above سَبْعَ means seven, seventy, seven hundred, and several المَتَانِي repeated, these are the several historical data that are again repeated in Quran, so the exposition of above Ayat must be: We have given you several examples from history that repeats itself, and We have given you this Sublime Qur'an that defines the laws of the rise and fall of nations.

[Most ancient and contemporary exponents have misunderstood this verse because of uncritical following of Bukhari. They maintain that Sab'an (Seven) here means the seven verses of the first Surah, Al-Fatiyah.

Obviously, this interpretation is against the flowing context here and it reduces the glorious meaning to naught. Saba' = Seven, often denotes several]

Another interpretation of the سَبْعَ المَتَانِي is itself Quran if we consider وَالْقُرْآنَ in وَالْعَظِيمَ as the explanatory hence the meaning will be " We have given you often repeated Book the Great Quran, as we see in 39:23 كِتَبًا مُّتَشَابِهًًا مَّتَانِي meas whose verses are mutually supporting and repeated in diverse form, it is a Book which is susceptible of different interpretations but these interpretations

are consistent and support each other.
There is no contradiction or
inconsistency anywhere in the Quran.